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...COMPLETELY
HOPELESS!

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BIRTH OF A NEW PARTNER?!





IN THAT
CASE, PUT
SOME EFFORT
INTO IT!



TO SEE
THEIR
DREAMS
FULFILLED?



WHY DO YOU
THINK CUSTOMERS
COME HERE?



DO
YOU THINK
THIS WAS
HONORO'S
DREAM?



WHEN I
LOOK AT YOU,
I SEE DREAM
AND
HOPE. IT'S
AMAZING!





WHEN YOU
SCREW UP,
THERE'S A
PENALTY.
GOT IT?



GET OUTTA
HERE AND GO
CLEAN THE
BATHROOMS!
NOW!

Y-YES,
SIR!



YOUR
FINE IS
2,000
YEN.



YES,
SIR.



DAILY
WAGE:
1,500
YEN...

FINE:
2,000
YEN



clean
society













ONE PANEL!



NOW!
DOWN THE
LINE!



SHE'S DONE
A GOOD JOB
GETTING BUDDY
IN A FIELD. IF
NOTHING ELSE.

HEY,
SPEED IT
UP!

SHE'S
QUICK...

ONE PANEL!



HASH!

SHE BET
KING'S REIN-
STATEMENT ON
LINNO'S CHAL-
LENCE WITH
CHONG...



I HEARD
SHE'S BET-
TING AGAINST
DYUSAGAKI,
RIGHT?

DID YOU
HEAR, TUDA-
KUN? ABOUT
YOU KNOW
WHAT...?

ONE PANEL!



HOWEVER,
IT LOOKS LIKE
OUR YOUNG
COWBOY IS
WORN OUT.

SHE
HAPPILY LIT
A FIRE UNDER
OUR SEEN'S LAST
TIME, SO I HOPE
THAT'S ALL
THIS IS.



...AGREED
TO IT OBVI-
OUSLY BEING
LIKE LINNO.

COMING UP
WITH A THING
LIKE THAT
DEFINITELY
SEEMS LIKE
THE HUSMAN,
BUT...

ONE PANEL!



OPF. WOORR, WOORR!



OPF. BLUNT!



THEY ARE
NOTHING BUT
A BUNCH
OF COWARDLY
BASTARDS...

OH,
NAN...



SHE'S
STILL
FIRM ON
ALL OF
HER...



ONE PAGE



IF I WERE
A LITTLE YOUNGER,
AND I HAD A DYNAMITE
LADY LIKE HER FOR A
PARTNER, I'D LET HER
DO WHATEVER SHE
WANTED TO ME...



I GUESS
THOSE GUYS
JUST CAN'T STOP
HER FIGHTING
SPIRIT WHEN IT'S
OUT IN FRONT
LIKE THAT...



ONE PAGE



But her
mind's
empty!

She's got
a teenage
cheer!



Oh, oh, oh!

It's go!
It's go!
It's go!
I want!









NO
THANKS,
THIS IS
FINE...



OH...

WADAH,
WOULD YOU
CARE TO SWITCH
PARTNER?



HIS ALLOWANCE
IS MORE THAN
2,000,000 YEN
A MONTH... PLUS,
I BOUGHT HIM A
FERRARI... HE'S
MAKING ALL KINDS
OF MONEY!

ASUKA-
CHAN'S
NUMBER ONE...



YOU
COULD BE
MAKING THAT
MUCH, TOO, IF
YOU WANTED TO
ENTER THIS WORLD
DO YOU?



HERE,
TAKE THIS



OF
COURSE
NOT, YOU
WOULDN'T
DO THAT, NO
MATTER HOW
LOW YOU
FELL!



B-BUT
I... CAN'T
TAKE THIS
MONEY...



THAT'S
RIGHT, SO
TAKE IT!

WH-WHAT
IS THIS,
MONEY?!



...



AFTER THAT,
HOW DOES
2,000,000
A MONTH
SOUND?

WE'LL
START WITH
AN ADVANCE
PAYMENT OF
2,000,000...



NOW,
TAKE IT.

YOU
WANTED
MONEY,
RIGHT?



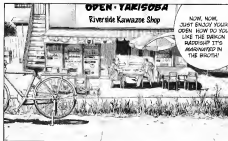


IT'S
YOUR FEE. TO BE
CHOKO'S HITTING
PARTNER.

OPEN • YAKISOBA

Riverside Kawazoe Shop

A MAN-
HUNT?!



QUIT
CLEARING YOUR
THROAT. YOU
WANT SOME
BEEF?



HMPH! I
WONDER HOW
LONG YOU CAN
STAY ON THE
RADISH...



ANHE,
ANHE...



OH! YOU'LL
JUST THROW
MONEY AT IT TILL
SHE GETS A GOOD
ONE, RIGHT?



A HITTING
PARTNER FOR
BABY-CHAN, AND
A DECENT ONE.



YOU'RE
THE ONE
WITH THE
BAD REP?

BABY-
CHAN'S GOT
A BAD REPU-
TATION. WE
HAVEN'T HAD
ANY RES-
PONSES.



YEAH?



THERE'S A
GREAT PARTNER,
WHO'S RIGHT NEAR
HERE. THAT WON'T
COST US A BUNDLE.



...



YOUNG
MASTER
KEIICHIRO.



NOT FOR
A MATCH.

FOR
YOU DON'T
WANNA USE
THAT GUTLESS
CONARD.





IN ORDER
TO MAKE IT
THROUGH THIS
CARNAGE, WE
NEED HIM...



AND, SHE'S
AIMING FOR A MATCH
WITH QUEEN NIKOLE.
SINCE SHE'S GOTTA
EARN ENOUGH FREE
MONEY TO PAY OFF
THE DEBT.

BABY-CHAMPS
CHALLENGE WITH
CHORO IS COMING
UP, AND CHORO'S
REINSTATEMENT IS
RIDING ON IT!



WOW, THE
OPEN LOOKS
DELICIOUS!

HAH!

HAH!

ACTU-
ALLY...



ACTUALLY...
HE MOVED, BUT
HE DROPPED ~~THE~~
AT HIS OLD
PLACE ..



ONCE
YOU'RE DONE,
YOU CAN HAVE
SOME OF THIS
"TUTU CORN"

JUST THREE
MORE LAPS,
BABY-CHAMPS!



WOO-
HOO!

MASS HOST RECRUITMENT!

CORE CHALLENGE THE
POSSIBILITIES OF YOUR
HOPE AND DREAM!

EXISCONT

**ODEN!
ODEN!**

SET 175.

GET YOUR RACKET

Machine 106
is starting
their surprise
jackpot
round!

PACHINKO

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Big bucks
today, big
bucks!

















ONE SECOND



EVERY-
BODY'S
STILL AT
SCHOOL...?

ANAL... IS
KATASIS-
SAN OUT?





I... JOHN TRAVOLTA!



80% DAILY



80% DAILY







YOU'RE
STANDING
ON THE
COURT.



HUH?



GET YOUR
RACKET



OH, COME ON!
YOU JUST GOT HERE,
DON'T ACT ALL STIFF!
LET'S GET SOME TEA,
SOME TEA!



OH, COME ON!
YOU JUST GOT HERE,
DON'T ACT ALL STIFF!
LET'S GET SOME TEA,
SOME TEA!







GET IT?
HIGHER
BICE
AND
BAM.









MMM!

SET 176.

HASHED BEEF RICE AND RAIN











THEY ALSO
CALL IT HAK-
SHU... WHY DO
YOU THINK THEY
DO THAT? AAA
WHAT DOES IT
TASTE LIKE. I
WONDER...

I SEE...
SO THE HA-
SHU BEEF
RICE IS THAT
GOOD...



SERIOUSLY
WHEN MY MOM
THEN MAKES IT
THEN IT'S THE
BEST!



W...
REALLY?

MOM
MAKES IT
ALL THE
TIME!



WE'LL
MAKE
SOME
TOMORROW!

HAK-
SHU



YOUNG
MASTER,
IT IS TIME
FOR US TO
RETURN
HOME!



...I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO END
MY LOSING
STREAK...

IF I
ATE SOME-
THING THAT
DELICIOUS,
MAYBE...



THEN
I'LL TREAT
YOU TO SOME
SUPER DELIC-
IOUS HAK-
SHU BEEF
RICE.
GENOA.

LET'S
PRACTICE!









OFU - OLANI



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BUT THE BATH IS SO HUGE, IT'S INCREDIBLE!



I HARDLY EVER EVEN USE THE KITCHEN...



HAVING A
HUGE DED IS
THE BEST!



...BUT
YOU HAVE
GOTTA SEE
THIS!

OPC. HUNT

OPC. HUNT



DO YOU
LIKE
IT?

WELL,



Y'KNOW,
WITH A BED
THIS GOOD...

IT FEELS
LIKE ANY-
THING GOES
RIGHT



HIT!



BYE.

AH!
H-W-W-WAIT...

I'VE GOT A
RESERVATION
AT A NEARBY
BUSINESS
HOTEL.



PLAYERS
AND THEIR
HITTING PART-
NERS NEED TO
BE VERY INTI-
MATE!



DON'T
BE SUCH A
STUPID!



TODAY'S
TRAINING WILL
BE AT 3:00, IN
THE HITOTSUBASHI
TENNIS CLUB'S
INDOOR COURT.



NOW THEN,
SIT YOUR BUTT
RIGHT AHEAD! ♡







**A FORE
NOW!
FORE!**

**TOO
SLOW!**

SFX: WIND, WIND



**THIS IS
A BACK!**

**YOU
NEED TO
HUSTLE
MORE!**

SFX: FLAP!



**YOU
THINK YOU
CAN MAKE
THE SHOT
WITH THAT
KIND OF
FORCE?**

**KEEP
YOUR
KNEES
STRAIGHT
WHILE
YOU'RE
HITTING A
POINT!**

**GET IT?
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?**



OOH!



**AH,
GEEZ!**

SFX: THUD







I DON'T
THINK THIS IS
WHAT I WAS
EMPLOYED BY
THE RYUGASAKI
FAMILY FOR.

SET 177.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!



SPX JUMP







DOPE BLUES









SPE. POINT





I'VE BEEN
TRAINING TO
MAKE SOME-
THING I THINK
OUTER-GENIUS
WILL BAT!



WOO-
HOO!

IT'S
GOODY!



WISHED KEEP
RICE... IF HE
BATS THIS AND
CHERRY UP...

...HE'LL HAVE
TO GET HIS
RACKET AND
COME BACK TO
THE COURT...





1/10 00000

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YOU
PROM-
ISED!



YOU
SAID YOUR
NEVERT
RAISE YOUR
HANDS
AGAINST
SOMEONE
AGAIN!

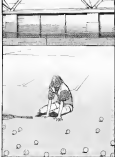




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BYE THOMP





SPK. THRO



HEY

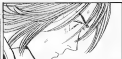


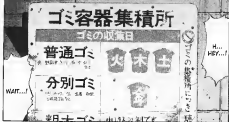




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H...
HEY...

WAIT...



ALL
OF THIS
FOUGHT-
ING...



LET ME
GO!



GET IT?
PLAY
YOUR
HEART
OUT

LEMME
STAY LIKE
THIS JUST A
LITTLE BIT
LONGER...

SET 178.
PLAY YOUR HEART OUT















SOME-
HOW, I
GOTTA...



PAY IT
ALL BACK,
DAMMIT!

OPR. BUTLER, BARRY

OPR. FOUNDER, ENTERPRISES, INC.



HOW'D
ABOUT I GIVE
YA A LITTLE
JOBBY? THEN
YOU'LL REALLY
BE A GUEST!



I CA-
I C-C-C-
CAN'T GIVE
BACK WHAT
I DONT
HAGAVE!

BUT YA
GOT ENOUGH
YA BE HANGING
DOWN AT SOME
SUGANO BAY
BART LATELY,
STALITIN' YOUR
STUFF, YA
BASTARD!



FREEEED!



IF I DONT
SEE SOME MORE,
I'M GONNA START
CANCERIN'!
GOT IT?

TH-THIS
IS ALL I HAVE
ON ME RIGHT
NOW!



HAG!



EVEN A
TURTLE'D PASS
YA WITH THAT
KINDA FOOT-
WORK!

HEY, HEY,
HEY, WHAT THE
HECK ARE YOU
DOING, BABY-
CHAM?

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HELL...
WHATEVER.



GO! PLAY
YOUR HEART
OUT!

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I'LL
HAVE A
KAKKA-
SOOL.

GET ME
SOME AADGIE
DEEF!

I WANT
A KOKLA
DOLL!



PLAY
YOUR HEART
OUT...



WE'RE
HERE TO
CHEER HER
ON, SO TRY
CHEERING!

WOW, ALL
YOU THINGS
THINK ABOUT
IS SOURCE-
KERS!



OKAY,
EVERYONE.
I'LL SEE YOU
LATER!

ALL RIGHT,
BABY-CHAN.
THE MIDSUMMER
OF AUSTRALIA
AWAITS!



SURE!

I'LL TAKE SOME-
THING FROM DICK, MADE
WITH SPRING WATER. IT
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT,
I'M NOT PARTICULAR
JUST REMEMBER, DICK
IT'S GOTTA BE BIG!



PLAY
YOUR HEART
OUT...



DON'T
FORGET ABOUT
THE GOLVE-
ANNIVERS!

WHEN YOU
PLAY TENNIS,
PLAY YOUR GOD-
DAMN HEART
OUT!



IT'S
WINTER IN
JAPAN, WON'T
IT? I HOPE
YOU HAVEN'T
CAUGHT A
COLD.

KEISIRO-
SAN, HOW
HAVE YOU
BEEN?

HERE IN
AUSTRALIA,
SUMMER IS
IN FULL
BLOOM.

IN THE
GLITTERING
LIGHT OF
THE SUN,
I... I...

GET 579.
BENTEN-
BACHI
HINA'S
EMBROID-
ERED
PANTS



...I'VE
BEEN QUITE
WELL.



"I'M MY OWN
GIRL. I DON'T
NEED YOU..."
EVERY DAY I
THOUGHT THAT,
AND EVERY DAY
THE TEARS
CAME...

"I HATE
YOU, KID-
ICHIRO..."

TO THINK,
HALF A
YEAR HAS
PASSED
SINCE I
CAME HERE
TO HEAL
MY HEART-
BREAK...



I'VE BEEN
LEARNING
FROM NOTHING
NOTHING. HERE
IN AUSTRALIA.

BUT AFTER
I GOT A TINY
BIT OF SUN-
BURN, I GOT
JUST A LITTLE
BIT STRONGER.



EEK!

I DON'T WANT TO
RUN AWAY
ANY MORE.



HOW TO
WIN AT
LOVE.

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I WON'T
LOSE TO
ANYONE FOR
YOUR LOVE,
REICHO
-SAN.



EVEN IF
THERE ARE
BARRIERS
BETWEEN
US...

EVEN IF
SOMETHING
WERE TO
HAPPEN, I
WOULDN'T
WANT TO
RUN AWAY
AGAIN.



I'LL
BE RE-
TURNING
TO JAPAN
SHORTLY.

EVEN IF
JUNNO MIGHT
WRETE TO...

EVEN IF
WE HAVE
TO FACE
JUNNO
MIGHT...

ONE TOLD TWO

ONE TOLD TWO

UNNO
NO...

ONE TOLD TWO

ONE TOLD TWO

SET 179.

**BENTENBASHI HINA'S
EMBARRASSMENT**



OPC. 1400



OPC. 1400







I HEARD
SHE MADE IT
THROUGH THE
QUARTER AND
SEMI-FINALS

YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW ABOUT
THEM, BUT SHE
WAS IN TWO MAJOR
TOURNAMENTS: THE
KORE CUP, AND THE
KODALA CUP



I WON
THE TAGAMA
GOLD CUP



OH, NO?
SO SHE'S
REALLY
HERE?

WELL,
I'M HERE,
TOO



I RENTED
THIS HOUSE FOR
THE TOURNAMENTS,
BUT IT'S THE ONLY
PLACE I CAN SPEND
ANY PRIVATE TIME
AROUND HERE

IT'S FINE,
KHO-SAN,
YOU'RE MY
FRIEND



THANKS TO
THE FACT THAT
THE AUSTRALIAN
OPEN IS FINALLY
ABOUT TO START,
I HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO CONCENTRATE
FOR MY IN-
TERVIEWS AT
ALL



I'M SORRY
FOR INTERRUPTING.
CHOKO-SAN, I
CAN SEE HOW
BUSY YOU ARE











EVERY
ONCE IN A
WHILE...



HEEET...



STARTING
WITH QUEEN
MELIC, AND
THE OVERWHELM-
ING FORCE OF
ZAVINS, YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
SHOWING YOUR
FIGHTING SPIRIT
OFF TO THE
WORLD'S TOP
PLAYERS!

HURRY UP
AND GET
READY!



TRY TO
IMAGINE IT.
THE SUN'S
HIGH IN THE
SKY, AND
WE'RE IN
MY BED-
ROOM.



THE RAYS OF
LIGHT SPILL IN
FROM BETWEEN
THE CURTAINS,
ILLUMINATING MY
JEWELRY, FAIR
SKIN...



...WE
SHOULD
SPEND ALL
AFTERNOON
IN BED, DON'T
YOU THINK?



WHEN
YOU SAY
"GET READY,"
DOES THAT
MEAN "TAKE A
BATH?"

HURRY UP
AND GET
READY!





SFX: WHOOSH!











MADAM!
MADAM! MADA-
AAAAAAM!
THIS IS VERY
SERIOUS

TOKYO, ONTARIO
RESIDENCE....



OH, NOY
H-HAS SOME-
THING HAPPEN-
ED TO JOHN
TRAVOLTA...?

Y-YES,
WELL THIS
IS...



WHY
ARE YOU
BEING SO
NOISY??



N-NO,
GIA, THIS IS
ABOUT THE
AUSTRALIAN
OPEN...

OOOH!
POOR JOHN
TRAVOLTA?



ARGH! I TOLD
YOU TO HURRY UP
AND FIND LARRY SINCE
KECHING ARRANGED
WITH HIM, HIS WHERE-
ABOUTS HAVE BEEN
UNKNOWN...

N- NO,
THIS IS A
FAX FR...



AUSTRAL-
LIAN, ?



SET 180. CONFESSION

3. RACK, VERONIKA GER
 4. BRADTKE, SANDRA AUS
 1. RYUGASAKI, CHOKO JPN
 2. UMINO, MIYUKI JPN
 3. MAMAS, ILENE
 4. COLLINS, JANE
 5. GRANDE, JORIE

*RYUGASAKI
 CHOKO VERSUS
 UMINO MIYUKI!*



Y-YES, THE
 FIRST MATCH OF
 THE AUSTRALIAN
 OPEN WILL BE...
 LOOK!



POOR...
 IT IS THE
 WILL OF
 GOD.



WHEN
 RYUGASAKI IS
 HARBORING KIKU
 KIMURA'S REVEN-
 GEMENT ON
 THE MATCH...

IT MAY
 HAVE BEEN
 DECIDED BY
 LOT, BUT IT'S
 ALMOST AS IF
 FATE IS PLAY-
 ING A PRANK.



HOW-
 EVER, ONCE
 SHE STANDS
 UPON THE
 COURT...



...GOD
WILL NOT
PROTECT
HER.

SET 180.
CONFESSION



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IF YOU
RUN AWAY
NOW, YOU'LL
PROVE YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL...



I'M FED
UP WITH
YOU...



I'M SICK
OF IT! I'M SICK
OF YOU, AND I...
I DON'T WANT
TO HEAR IT!



THAT'S
ENOUGH!



MOOOOMMMMMMMMM!



IF MOMMY SAYS IT,
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT.

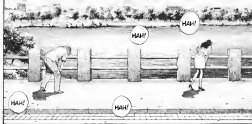


Osamu Katsukawa
has cramped up,
and collapsed!

YOU CAN'T BE A
PROFESSIONAL
TENNIS PLAYER.









THERE'S
A GIRL THAT
I LOVE...

THERE...



NO.



IT'S
CHORO-SAN,
RIGHT...?



SHE'S MADE
ENEMIES THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD, AND
SHE'S FIGHTING THEM
ALL BY HERSELF.

SHE TOOK
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR HER BROTHER'S
DEBTS, AND
SHE'S DESPERATELY
FIGHTING FOR HER
LIFE RIGHT NOW,
ALL ALONE.



AT THE
MOMENT,
CHORO-SAN
ISN'T LIKE ...

THAT
GIRL...



...I WASN'T
THE KIND OF
MAN WHO COULD
BE HELPFUL TO
UMINO MIYUKI...



I STARTED
RENTING AN
APARTMENT
AND LIVING
ALONE, WORK-
ING AT A
CONVENIENCE
STORE...



AFTER
I LEFT HOME,
I THOUGHT I
COULD HELP
HER BY MY-
SELF...



BUT, I
DIDN'T HAVE
THE KNACK
FOR IT...

I STARTED
WORKING AT
A HOST CLUB,
AFTER HEARING
HOW YOU COULD
MAKE A DECENT
SALARY THERE.

...BUT I WAS
ONLY MAKING
800 YEN AN
HOUR, AND I
COULDN'T DO
ANYTHING
WITH THAT...

I LEARNED
A LOT ABOUT
THE WORLD
THERE...

I DIDN'T
HAVE A KNACK
FOR ANYTHING
AT ALL...

NOTHING
WORKED
FOR ME...

SO,
I... I...







LOOK AT
ME, KEI-
ICHIRO-
SAN



KEI-
ICHIRO-
SAN



I COM-
PLETELY UN-
DER-
STAND



FOR
EXPLA-
NING TO
ME...

THANK
YOU...

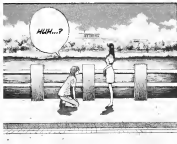




HAVING BAD LUCK
OF THE DRAW, AND FACING
A FELLOW JAPANESE PERSON
IN SUCH A LARGE WORLD
TOURNAMENT... IS THAT A
BIG DEAL AT ALL...?

I'M SIMPLY
AN AMATEUR, AND
DON'T TOTALLY
UNDERSTAND
TEAMS, BUT...

IT'S
JUST...





HACK, VERONICA
 BRADTKE, SANDRA
 1. RYUGASAKI, CHOKO
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 43. MAMAS, ILENE
 44. SOMMIS, JACET
 45. FAN, KURIAN
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46.	WOOD, ARAN
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OFF! THUNDER!



OFF! AGAIN!

OFF! AGAIN!





I STARTED
YOUNGER THAN
ALL OF YOU!

SET 181.
MAJOR BAGGAGE















YOU
KNOW WHAT
I'M TALKING ABOUT!
HOW IS UMINO-SAN
SUPPOSED TO PLAY
TENNIS, WITH ALL
THOSE THOUGHTS
IN HER HEAD?!

WHAT A
DREADFUL
LOOK YOU'VE
GOT ON Y...



PLEASE,
CALL OFF
THE FOOL-
ISH BET!

YOU KNEW
ABOUT ALL OF IT,
BUT YOU STILL PUT
MORE BAGGAGE ON
HER SHOULDERS!



PLEASE,
CALL IT OFF!
**RIGHT
NOW!**

THE ASSAULT
CASE IS MY PRO-
BLEM! UMINO-SAN
HAS NOTHING TO
DO WITH IT!



HAHA...













BEING
THROWN
INTO YOUR
CENTRAL
MATCH WITH
LINDA SO
QUICKLY.
ARE YOU
ENTHUSIASTIC
AT ALL?

GUANO-
CHIN, IT'S
ALMOST
TIME FOR
YOUR FIRST
MATCH.

IS LINDA
EVEN GOOD
ENOUGH TO
BE YOUR O-
PPONENT?



YOO-
HOOOO!
♡

1 LIFE, CROWD CHEERING

2 LIFE, FLIRT



I HOPE
YOU'RE
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT!

TH...
THE LOW-
CUT PINK
DRESS!



BOY, IF
SHE CAN
RELAX
HER HEART
OUT, SHE



FOR TOMY,
SHOULD I WEAR
THE FLOWER-
PATTERNED
DRESS? OR THE
LOW-CUT, PINK
ONE?

I'M JUST
FOCUSED
ON THE
PROBLEM
AT HAND.



SPE. 01002



SPE. 01003







NATIONAL
TENNIS CENTER,
MELBOURNE....







SPK. Drawing



SET 182.
FOR OKIKU-SAN



The first
match is a battle
between two fellow
Japanese players,
Ryugasaki Choko
and *Umino Miyuki*!



And
here they are
again, meeting
at one of the
Four Majors,
the Australian
Open!

If you'll
recall, these
two fought in
the Finals of
Tokyo's Chan-
drella Cup
last year!

She's Fresh
off a win in
the Tasmania
Gold Cup! Let's
hope she shows
off that same
fighting spirit in
today's tourna-
ment, too!

As far as
Tennis Fans
are concerned,
though, all the
expectations are
on Japan's side.
*Kayashiki
Choko!*

MADAM CHOKO
IS USING THIS
MATCH TO HINDER
CHOKU-GEN'S PRO-
FESSIONAL LICENSE
WITH YOUR MOTHER.

WHAT? HELLO?
WHAT WAS
THAT?

CHOKU-
GEN...

YOU'RE
PUTTING
THE ABUSIVE
CASE AGAINST
CHOKU-GEN
ASIDE, ISN'T
IT?

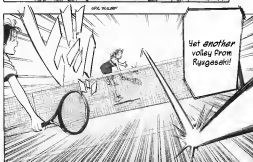














AMAZING!
Ryugasaki has
won the first
game by break-
ing Umino's
serve!

*Game,
Ryuga-
saki!*

UINO, WILD CHARGING



HAH!

HAH!



HAH!

HAH!

*Umino
can barely
keep up with
Ryugasaki's
breath-takingly
quick pace!*



HE'S A
CELEBRITY,
AND HIS FEE
WAS PRETTY
HIGH AT TWO
MILLION YEN
A MONTH.

what



HOW
DID I LET
HER BREAK
RIGHT FROM
THE VERY
START?

WHAT
THE
HECK?





SPCL SLAP



FOR
OKIKU-
SAN...



SHINDO-
SAN...

DONT
THINK
ABOUT
ALL THAT
STUPID
STUFF...!



TOKYO...

SPCL. MOVING!



HEY, YOU
BIGGIE!

OH...!



EVEN IF YOU'RE
DOING IT FOR ME,
DON'T THINK
ABOUT IT DURING
THE MATCH...!



Y... YEAH



WHAT
ARE YOU
STANDING
AROUND
FOR?

HIT IT,
ALREADY!



I'M...



THIS IS
JUST FINE
FOR ME...



*Oh! Lirio
lets it fly with
another intense
backhand!*



SPLAT!



...She
hits it
from a
great
angle..!



But
Ryuga-
sen..

GFX: WYLER



My
good-
ness!
friend's
chasing
after
it..!



GFX: KUCHIKI

11



WOW!
It's **RIGHT**
on the line!



GET
183.
ORANGE
FRUIT



Y'KNOW,
THAT BUTTERED
STRATEGY YOU
TAUGHT CHORO
WAS RIGHT ON
THE MONEY.



I THINK
BABY-CHAMP'S
MATCH IS ON
THE THIRD
COURT...



SURE
IS HOT,
EH?



IT'S GOTTA
BE AROUND 120
DEGREES OVER
THERE.



SET 183.
GRAPEFRUIT





GPX FIGHT



THAT'S
RIGHT,
I BET NO-
BODY TOLD
YOU, HMM?



BARY-
CHAN'S
MATCH
AGAINST
CHOKO...

GPX WREST



SHE'S
FIGHTING
FOR THE
SAKE OF
CHIKU.



SFX. SHOUT



SFX. WAAH





YOU
WANT A
BANANA?



OH
MY GOD,
I...



NOW,
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO STAND
SIDING.



THAT'S
WHY NOW
COULDN'T
GO ON THE
COURT

IF THE
WORLD KNEW
OUT THAT THE
POLICE MASTER
OF THE CHINESE
FAMILY WAS
CONSIDERED THE
POLICE MASTER
OF THE WOOD-
HARD, THERE'D
BE A HUGE
UPROAR.



AMT
HUNGRY?
WELL, THEN,
DON'T MIND
IF I DO.

OH MY
GOD...!



WE'RE
BOTH COA-
CHES WITH
SOMETHING TO
HIDE NOW. SHIP
OFFAL HAVE,
HANT



...AND I GOT
MYSELF A
LIFETIME BAN
FROM TEANG,
THAT'S WHY I
COULDN'T GET
IN THERE.





WEE, WAAA!



ALL RIGHT,
THAT'S ENOUGH
FOR TODAY!

TODAY!...



YAY!
THANKS!
WE'LL SEE
YOU TOMORROW!

TRY
NOT TO
CATCH A
COLD!

YOU
SURE HURRY
AND IF YOU
KEEP WORKING
AT IT AS HARD
AS YOU CAN,
YOU'LL BE A
GREAT PLAYER
ONE DAY!

HAVE I
GOTTEN ANY
BETTER?

LATER!











BLOCK OUT
ALL THE EXTRA
STUFF, AND JUST
CONCENTRATE ON
THE GRAPEFRUIT.



...AND THE
GRAPEFRUIT
BECOMES
A BALL.



THE BEST,
HER BROTHERS
AND GARTER, HER
FRIENDS, AND HER
SWEETHEART. SHE
STARTED THE MATCH
SADDLED WITH ALL
OF THOSE THINGS.



BUT,
STILL.



A PROFESSIONAL
PLAYER HAS ALL
KINDS OF PRES-
SURE LOOKING.

THE PRIZE
MONEY, THE
RANKINGS, AND
THE SPON-
SORS.

...AND THE
GRAPEFRUIT
BECOMES A
BALL.

IF YOU
JUST CONCEN-
TRATE ON THE
TENNIS, ALL OF
THOSE OTHER
THINGS VAN-
ISH...

NOT
YET...

DO
YOU MEAN
LIMIT?...??

YOU
STILL DON'T
GET IT...

ONE HOUR





SPK, CLUTTER



VOICES, SOUND OF THE



SPK, TALK





ILLUSTRATION: KAZUAKI KAWANO

OPK, CHICAGO







ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER...



IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
MATCH IS
OVER.



I'D BETTER
GET READY,
AND HEAD
BACK TO THE
HOTEL...

WELL,
THEN...

ONE DAY...



I THINK
BARRY-CHAN
STUDIED PRETTY
HARD, THANKS
TO THE FACT
THAT YOU WERE
CHONG'S COACH



W-WAIT
A SEC...

I'LL SEE
YOU LATER,
THEN.



O-GET
READY
AND HEAD
BACK...

WHA...



GET 324.
LET'S
PRACTICE



...I KNOW
WHAT HAP-
PENED WITH-
OUT EVEN
LOOKING.

IF THE
MATCH WAS
OVER THAT
QUICK...





Ryugasaki
Choko easily
defeats Umino
Miyuki, and ad-
vances to the
second round!

PREVIOUS FIGHT
4400
6600

M.UMINO
C.RYUGASAKI

A win in
straight
set!

SFX: CHEERING





SET 184.

LET'S PRACTICE







SNF! WIND BLOWING!











IT'S
BECAUSE
I WAS
WEAK...



AFTER THE
FIRST BREAK,
THAT WAS
GAINS AND
SET...

THE
SECOND
SET WAS
THE SAME
WAY...



I JUST
COULDN'T
BREAK BACK
FROM THAT.

SHE STARTED
THE FOURTH SET
BY BREAKING MY
SERVE, AND I LET
HER BREAK IT
AGAIN, AFTER
THAT...



IN THAT
MATCH JUST
NOW, I WASN'T
REALLY PLAYING
TENNIS.

IT'S
OBVIOUS
WHY.



I HAD A
CHANCE, BUT
I COMPLETELY
BLIND IT...



THOSE
THINGS AREN'T
TENNIS.

OKIKU-SAN,
THE DEBT, MY
SIBLINGS, THEY
WERE ALL I COULD
THINK ABOUT.



I WASN'T
PLAYING
TENNIS.

IT
WASN'T
UNTIL THE
MATCH WAS
OVER THAT
I FINALLY
REALIZED.



BUT,
FRUS-
TRATION
IS GOOD.



FRUS-
TRATING
AND UN-
FAIR!

THAT
WAS SO
FRUSTRO-
ATING...









SFX: 'WHEAT'



SFX: 'CLASH'



SFX: 'SHOCK'

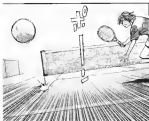


SFX: 'HMM'





SPR. LEAP



SPR. POLARIS



SPR. TAIL, TAIL !!



NICE
SHOT!



IT'S AW!
THAT WAS
ON THE
LINE!

...UMINO
SMILED.



AND,
JUST LIKE
THE OLD
DAYS...



BUT,
JUST
LIKE
SHE
USED
TO...



SHE
WASN'T
EVEN
THINKING
ABOUT
TENNIS...



...UMINO
SMILED.



SORRY, I'VE
GOT SOME-
THING IN MY
EYES...



HAPPY!
VOLUME
17
-END-

